

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraphs [0041] to [0043] in the specification as the follow:

[0041] Figure 3 lists a set of atomic structure coordinates for MvaS (SEQ ID NO:1) as derived by X-ray crystallography from a crystal that comprises the protein. The following abbreviations are used in Figure 3: "X, Y, Z" crystallographically define the atomic position of the element measured; "B" is a thermal factor that measures movement of the atom around its atomic center; "Occ" is an occupancy factor that refers to the fraction of the molecules in which each atom occupies the position specified by the coordinates (a value of "1" indicates that each atom has the same conformation, i.e., the same position, in all molecules of the crystal).

[0042] Figure 4 illustrates a ribbon diagram overview of the structure of MvaS (SEQ ID NO:1), highlighting secondary structural elements of the protein.

[0043] Figure 5 illustrates the MvaS binding site of MvaS (SEQ ID NO:1) based on the determined crystal structure for the molecule in the asymmetric unit corresponding to the coordinates shown in Figure 3.